Floreat and Frontier Access Programmes
Information Session
20th October 2021
Balliol College Outreach

• Balliol College is over 750 years old.

• In the 19th Century we pioneered the selection of students on academic merit alone.

• We work with schools and students in Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk and the London borough of Brent to raise aspirations and provide academic experiences and application support for able students.
Why do we run these programmes?

• We want to share the best of Oxford teaching with a broader audience and engage students with university academic material.

• We recognise that sustained contact is the best way to influence students.

• We want to combat myths about Oxford University and encourage more students to consider Oxford and/or other universities.

• Want to increase students’ confidence that they can meet academic demands and fit in.
What are we offering?

- These are ‘super curricular’ programmes designed to broaden students’ academic experience and give them the opportunity to discover and read outside of their school studies.

- An Oxford style academic experience, delivered online using Microsoft TEAMS.

- It will be taught by Oxford graduates and tutors who have chosen to be involved.

- Opportunity to work with like minded peers.

- 40 places on each programme.
What we are not offering!

• This opportunity should not be mistaken for Oxbridge ‘coaching’.

• This programme is not a fast track or backdoor entrance to Oxford.

• These Programmes will not be replicating, supporting or tutoring students in their school work, or in any way offering school exam preparation.
Floreat Humanities Programme Structure

Floreat runs on Wednesday evenings online

Spring Term 2022

Session 1 23rd Feb
Session 2 2nd Mar
Session 3 9th Mar
Session 4 16th Mar
Session 5 23rd Mar
Session 6 30th Mar

Easter Holiday

Session 7 20th Apr
Session 8 27th Apr
Session 9 4th May
Session 10 11th May

Summer Term 2022

5.00pm – 7.00pm

June - decide on essay subject

July - essay title and reading list issued

August Residential Mon 22nd - Wed 24th August 2022
Frontier Science Programme Structure

Frontier runs on Tuesday evenings online

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Spring Term 2022

Session 1 11st Mar
Session 2 8th Mar
Session 3 15th Mar
Session 4 22nd Mar
Session 5 29th Mar

Easter Holiday

Session 6 19th Apr
Session 7 26th Apr
Session 8 3rd May
Session 9 10th May
Session 10 17th May

Summer Term 2022

June - decide on essay subject

July - essay title/task issued

August Residential Wed 24th Aug - Fri 26th August 2022
Spring Term

- Teaching will be delivered in a series of seminars.

- Students will be expected to read preparatory materials each week (around 3-4 book chapters/articles), and come to each session prepared to discuss ideas. They will not be expected to prepare an essay or any formal work each week.

- Should take no more than 2 hours.

- Materials available through website.
Summer Term

- The programme will ease off in the summer term to allow students to fully concentrate on their summer exams.

- Students will research and produce an essay on an academic topic during the summer holidays.

- We will host a summer residential from in August 2022 which will give students the opportunity to attend a tutorial-style discussion of their work and a chance to familiarise themselves with the university.
The theme of this course is Cold War Europe, inspired by a real undergraduate course taken by second year History students.

One advantage of taking this approach is that students will have the chance to try out lots of different academic subjects, whilst building up a clearer impression of the period.

The source material will be provided from university books, journal articles and archives.
Contributions will come from a range of different science subjects.

Theme 1: Health

Theme 2: The Environment
Why apply?

• The process of applying for this programme should prove useful ahead of UCAS next year.

• This presents a genuine opportunity to read outside the curriculum.

• Understand what university study is really like.

• Experience Oxford style teaching.

• Try out new subject areas and engage with new ideas/material.

• Meet other like minded students.
Who should apply?

• Year 12 students at state-maintained schools.

• Strong GCSE performance.

• Students on the programme will be aspiring to Oxbridge/Russell Group.

• No involvement in any other university programmes.

• Students from under-represented groups.

• Students from schools without a history of successful application to Oxford.
A large range of degree courses!

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Law
- Philosophy
- Politics/PPE/International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theology
Things not to worry about

• Cost – this programme is free and we can support students who need financial aid towards travel expenses.

• Whether you are clever enough to take the programme.

• Oxford ‘types’.

• Not knowing which subject you want to study at university.
Things to consider

• You must be able to attend all the seminar sessions and the residential.

• You must be willing to contribute to the online discussions.

• You must be able to spend the time preparing for each online session.

• Your school work should always take priority, so make sure you feel confident you can manage your time well.
How do I apply?

- Complete an application form online by 5pm Sunday 28th November 2021.

- The application form for both programmes will be available on our website.

- Students who have applied will be informed about whether they have been accepted by the end of the autumn term.
What else is there?

- UNIQ Programmes at Easter and in Summer
- Target Oxbridge
- OUSU Target Schools Shadowing Days
- Subject Taster Days in Spring and Summer terms
- Academic resources Subject Guides/Springboard videos/digital resources
- Academic competitions
- Faculty Open days
- University Open days 29th & 30th June, 16th September 2022
- Visits
- Other support advertised to school via our bulletins
- Access to our students via our website
If you have further questions following this event please contact

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